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Field Crops

For the week ending April 17, durum wheat has headed on 75 percent of the acreage, while barley has headed on 87 percent of the acreage. Cotton has been planted on 27 percent of the acreage.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Range and pasture conditions remain mostly good.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, green onions, herbs, parsley and spinach. Lettuce shipments included iceberg and romaine.

Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, greens, green onions, herbs, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley and spinach. Lettuce shipments included iceberg and romaine.

Producers in central and western Arizona shipped grapefruits, navel and Valencia oranges, and tangerines.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	6	26	52	16
Range and Pasture	4	16	15	37	28

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton – Planted	27	19	31	37
Durum Wheat – Headed	75	64	60	67
Barley – Headed	87	80	59	64

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending April 16. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Kingman to 4 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 97 degrees at Gila Bend while the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 20 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at only 1 of the 17 reporting stations. Payson received 0.01 inches of precipitation. All reporting stations are above normal precipitation for this time of year.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 April 10 - April 16, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	51	1	79	28	0.00	5.22	2.50
Casa Grande	67	3	96	44	0.00	4.43	2.75
Coolidge	66	1	96	39	0.00	4.70	3.26
Douglas	60	-1	86	31	0.00	4.77	2.01
Flagstaff	42	2	67	20	0.00	13.41	8.23
Gila Bend	70	0	97	45	0.00	3.09	2.41
Grand Canyon	44	3	72	23	0.00	9.15	5.85
Kingman	57	-3	81	28	0.00	7.29	3.97
Parker	70	2	94	51	0.00	4.18	2.39
Payson	52	2	78	29	0.01	13.37	8.20
Phoenix	70	4	95	53	0.00	5.18	2.89
Prescott Airport	50	3	76	29	0.00	7.50	3.99
Safford Ag Center	60	1	91	32	0.00	3.76	2.29
Tucson	65	3	92	44	0.00	2.99	2.87
Willcox	58	0	86	32	0.00	3.73	2.90
Winslow	53	3	84	30	0.00	3.26	1.76
Yuma	72	2	94	52	0.00	2.25	0.93

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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